



Comptroller General  
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

**Matter of:** The Castoleum Corporation  
**File:** B-237786  
**Date:** December 27, 1989

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### DIGEST

Protest is dismissed where the issue was considered and denied in an earlier protest involving the same parties.

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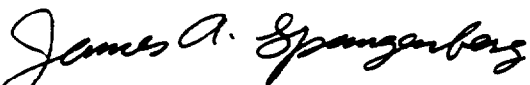
### DECISION

The Castoleum Corporation protests the terms of request for proposals (RFP) No. DLA400-90-R-0341, issued by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for Rust-Lick 606, an aircraft engine corrosion preventative. Castoleum contends that the RFP, which permits the award of alternate items identical to the specified approved source item under the "Products Offered" clause, improperly requires offerors, who propose alternate items, to bear the cost of required qualification testing.

We dismiss the protest.

We recently considered and denied Castoleum's protest of request for proposals No. DLA400-89-R-0933, issued by DLA for the Rust-Lick product. In Castoleum Corp., B-236573, Dec. 13, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ \_\_\_, we held that DLA could properly reject Castoleum's alternate item in a procurement involving this "Products Offered" clause, where Castoleum refused to bear the costs of qualification testing. Since we concluded that the agency can require offerors to bear the costs of testing necessary to approve the offerors' alternate items, no purpose would be served in reconsidering this issue here.

The protest is dismissed.

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